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**San Diego Public Library Screens *Me Facing Life: Cyntoia's Story***  
*Film Explores Profound Questions of Violence and Murder*

**SAN DIEGO** – The San Diego Public Library will host a Community Cinema preview screening of *Me Facing Life: Cyntoia's Story* on Monday, February 14, 2011 at 6:30 p.m. in the 3rd floor auditorium of the Central Library, located at 820 E Street in downtown. This event is free and open to the public.

*Me Facing Life* challenges our perceptions of the juvenile justice system. It follows the sad and startling story of Cyntoia Brown, who is serving a life sentence for murder at the age of 16. It takes a hard look at some of the complex social issues concerning a 16-year-old girl who is serving a life sentence for murder. The filmmaker spent nearly six years exploring her life and familial relationships to answer a very basic question... why? This film pushes aside assumptions about what we think about violence and takes a glance into a startling social mirror that reveals a strong connection between violence and a predestined childhood filled with bad decisions.

Community Cinema is affiliated with the ITVS media organization (Independent Television Service). ITVS Community Cinema is a monthly screening series that pairs independently produced documentary films with leading organizations working to resolve related social issues in communities across the country. All films featured will broadcast nationally on the Emmy Award-winning PBS series Independent Lens.

Learn about other events at the San Diego Public Library's Central Library and 35 branches, find links to numerous additional resources, or search for materials in the Library's catalog online at [www.sandiegolibrary.org](http://www.sandiegolibrary.org).

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